



Iowa Forest Resource Fact Sheet 2020

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Investment in State's Cooperative Programs

Program	FY 2019 Final
Cooperative Fire Protection	\$509,874
Cooperative Forestry	\$426,777
Forest Health Management	\$84,500
Forest Legacy and Community Forestry	\$3,037,760
Total	\$4,058,911

NOTE: This funding is for all entities within the state, not just the State Forester's office.

Key Issues

- Lack of forest stewardship on much of the state's forest land.
- Lack of public understanding about the importance of forests and forestry.
- Exotic and invasive species, both existing and potential, threaten the health and diversity of urban trees and woodlands.
- The financial viability and the future of the State Forest Nursery.
- Lack of local investment in urban forests is limiting needed maintenance.

Forest Facts and Accomplishments

Selected Facts	Value	FY 2019 Accomplishments	Value
Population	3,046,355	Landowners Receiving Educational or Technical Assistance	8,646
Acres of Forest Land	2,914,150	Acres Covered by New or Revised Forest Stewardship Plans	12,114
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	2,552,000	Acres in Important Forest Resource Areas Covered by New or Revised Stewardship Plans	7,742
Number of NIPF Landowners	150,000	Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted	145
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0	State Fire Communities Assisted	100
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	7,612,000	Coop Forest Health Acres Protected	8,480
Number of Rural Fire Departments	871	Forest Legacy Project Acquisitions	0
Cities and Towns	947	Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	298
Forest Based Employment	22,454	Population Living in Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	1,966,611
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	3	Urban Forestry Volunteer Assistance	3,731
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	3,018,917		

Program Highlights

Cooperative Fire Protection

Iowa acquired \$1,156,704 in property from the Department of Defense Fire Fighter Program and \$531,367 in property from the Federal Excess Personal Property program. The property is used to support the state's and volunteer fire departments' wildland fire programs.

Forest Health Protection

Emerald ash borer has been confirmed in 69 counties and is causing significant ash mortality in portions of the state. Oaks in the state are under assault by several native and non-native damage agents, weather events, and chemicals; however, defoliation from gypsy moth has been prevented so far through Slow the Spread Program activities that reduce the advance of this pest. Multiple surveys of black walnut have not found thousand cankers disease.

Forest Stewardship

Iowa's Forest Stewardship Program connects family woodland owners with professional foresters to help them meet management goals on their property. The program also addresses critical issues including watershed protection, soil conservation, declining songbirds and pollinators, oak decline, and rural economic diversification through the \$3 billion forest products industry. In preparing for modernization of the national program in Fiscal Year 2020, Iowa has focused on increasing implementation rates of forest stewardship plans, with a mean 85 percent success rate over the past four years and with 80 percent of forest stewardship plans developed in priority areas. The total number of Iowa citizens receiving technical assistance and education in Fiscal Year 2019 increased by 6 percent to over 8,600.

Urban and Community Forestry

In 2019, more than 4,600 residential landscape trees valued at about \$300,000 were planted thanks to partnerships with energy companies. In addition to delivering urban forestry technical assistance and programs, the Department of Natural Resources has helped communities prepare for emerald ash borer and other pests through community tree inventories, canopy cover assessments, master plans, and urban forest management plans.



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